

PARTIAL TRANSCRIPTION - ORIGINAL FOLLOWS

Dear Senator Gorton:

Thank you for your letter of October 20, enclosing a letter from [excised] in Seattle, Washington, concerning the priorities [illeg] for the admission of Afghan refugees into the United States.

In fiscal year 1982 the United States increased the ceiling for Near East and South Asian refugees from 6,300 to 6,500 persons. Of this number, 4,500 numbers were allocated for Afghan refugees. By the end of yr 1982, 4,239 Afghan refugees had been admitted to the United States. The U.S. has felt an obligation first to present those with ties to the U.S., those refugees who have been persecuted because of their ties to the U.S. and those refugees who had reason to fear persecution based on their ties to the U.S.

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In response to international appeals in 1941, the U.S. provided \$45 million to the World Food Program (WWF) and the Department of State's Bureau for Refugee Programs (BPR) contributed \$12.6 million to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) program. In addition, US made a bilateral contribution directly to the Government of Pakistan (GOV) of \$8 million for trucks for inland transport of relief commodities, and contributed approximately \$4 million to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and to voluntary agencies which have Afghan refugee relief projects in Pakistan. The total of the U.S. contribution in FY 1941 was about \$64 million.

In 1982, the U.S. pledged \$24.15 million to the UNHCR for its Pakistan program, and contributed \$70.6 million in food aid through the WFP. HF has made available an additional \$4.25 million in excess Pakistani currency (rupes) to the ICRC, the Pakistan Red Crescent Society, and to the UNHCR. An additional \$1.7 million has been

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contributed to contain ongoing relief programs of [illeg] voluntary agencies and [2 words illeg]. The commitments to Afghan refugee ceiling in FY 1983 will exceed \$100 million.

I hope this information proves [illeg] beneficial to you in responding to [excised]. If you have further questions, please contact the Office of Refugee Admissions on [illeg].

With cordial regards,

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England, England

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